

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Room 414/416, State Capitol**

**Monday, January 26, 2004**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair  
Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair  
Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. Dave Thomas  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. Ann W. Hardy  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Todd E. Kiser  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sen. Michael Waddoups  
Rep. Jeff Alexander

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst  
Bethany Brady, Committee Secretary

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Chair Eastman called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

**National Guard**

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, presented the total budget recommendations for FY05 for the National Guard as \$26,243,900.

The Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) maintenance of the National Guard facilities was discussed. DFCM's rate of \$1.75 per square foot totals \$747,900 per year to maintain those facilities, which is not currently in the Guard's budget. Because of the lack of available General Funds, the Analyst is not recommending the \$747,900 increase at this time. However, the committee may choose to place this as one of their priority issues.

For the National Guard Administration, the Analyst recommends \$524,400 for FY05. This includes 8 FTE positions.

The Armory Maintenance budget recommendation is \$21,646,700 for FY05. This includes 123 FTEs.

The Veterans' Affairs budget recommendation is \$185,000 for FY05. This includes 1 FTE.

The Analyst is recommending a FY05 budget of \$254,600 for the Veterans' Cemetery. This includes 5 FTE positions.

An appropriations of \$3,633,200 is recommended for the Veterans' Nursing Home for FY05. This includes 1 FTE.

Col. Craig Morgan and BG Stan Gordon from the Utah National Guard responded to questions from the committee.

### **Department of Environmental Quality**

The Analyst presented a summary of the Department of Environmental Quality's budget. He is recommending a total appropriations of \$41,287,100 for FY05.

It is recommended that \$87,200 be appropriated from the Petroleum Storage Tank Expendable Trust Fund on a one-time basis to continue to pursue recovery of these funds.

To balance the Department's budget cuts in FY04, the Department is proposing an increase in user fees for the registration of: 1) x-ray machines, 2) temporary relocation of gravel pit operations, and 3) recovery of compliance costs for aggregate operations such as aggregate extraction plants, asphalt plants, and concrete batch plants. These increases will offset the \$250,000 reduction in general funds and will reinstate the portions of air monitoring operations in Salt Lake and Weber Counties that were reduced with the cuts.

It is estimated that an additional \$500,000 from the General Fund will be necessary to continue efforts to prevent high level nuclear waste from being stored on the Goshute Reservation. Because of limited funding, the Analyst is not recommending an appropriation, but recommends consideration of this appropriation if additional funding becomes available.

The Analyst recommends the Legislature transfer funding of \$28,700 for the Bear Lake Commission to the Department of Environmental Quality and that it be treated as other water quality contracts in the department.

The Analyst recommends that \$4,412,300 be appropriated to the Executive Director's Office for FY05. This will fund 40 FTE positions.

An appropriations of \$8,529,000 is recommended for the Air Quality Division in FY05. This includes 103 FTE positions. The Analyst recommends the following intent statements be included with the appropriation of the Air Quality Program:

*It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended funds in the Air Operating Permit Program are non-lapsing and authorized for use in the Operating Permit Program in FY 2005 to reduce emission fees.*

The Analyst recommends an appropriation of \$6,645,300 for the Response and Remediation Program for FY 2005. This includes the funding of 74.6 FTE positions.

An appropriation of \$2,630,500 is recommended for the Radiation Control Program for FY05. This includes the funding for 29 FTE positions.

The Analyst recommends an appropriation of \$9,075,500 for the Division of Water Quality in FY05. This includes the funding of 67.25 FTE positions. The following intent statements were included with the appropriation of the Water Quality Program:

*It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended Groundwater Permit Administration fees are non-lapsing and authorized for use in the Groundwater Permit Administration Program in the following fiscal year to reduce the fees charged.*

It is recommended that \$3,532,600 be appropriated to the Drinking Water program. This includes funding 37 FTE positions.

The Analyst's budget recommendation for the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste for FY05 is \$6,461,900. The recommendation funds a FTE level of 67.5.

Federal funding was discussed, as well as a fee schedule for the Department of Environmental Quality.

The Analyst responded to questions from the committee.

Diane Nielson, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, responded to questions from committee members. Ms. Nielson also corrected a statement from the committee meeting on January 22nd: State programs can only loan to government entities; however, federal programs do allow loans to private entities such as private, non-profit organizations or private community systems.

MOTION: Sen. Thomas moved to place appropriations for efforts to prevent high level nuclear waste from being stored on the Goshute Reservation on the committee's priority list. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

Rep. Bush asked the analyst to investigate the funding of one more FTE for the Veterans' Affairs program.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motioned passed unanimously.

Chair Eastman adjourned the meeting at 3:59pm.

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Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair

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Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair